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AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, amendment and reconsideration of the referenced application as set forth below are requested.

Amendments to the Specification – amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings -None.

Remarks/Argum nts begin on page 8 of this paper.